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Latest Seasonally Unadjusted Unemployment and Job Estimates for Local Labor Markets in Massachusetts

BOSTON, MA - Local unemployment rates increased in sixteen labor market areas, decreased in five areas, and remained the same in three areas in the state during the month of May, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported.

Compared to May 2016, the rates were up in twenty-four labor market areas.

Thirteen of the fifteen areas for which job estimates are published recorded seasonal job gains in May. The largest gains occurred in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Barnstable, Worcester, Framingham, and Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford areas.

From May 2016 to May 2017, thirteen of the fifteen areas added jobs, with the largest percentage gains in the New Bedford, Barnstable, Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton, and Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury areas.

In order to compare the statewide rate to local unemployment rates, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the statewide unadjusted unemployment rate for May was 4.1 percent.

Last week, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported the statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.2 percent in the month of May.

The statewide seasonally adjusted jobs estimate showed a 2,900 job gain in May, and an over-the-year gain of 58,300 jobs.

The unadjusted unemployment rates and job estimates for the labor market areas reflect seasonal fluctuations and therefore may show different levels and trends than the statewide seasonally adjusted estimates.

The estimates for labor force, unemployment rates and jobs for Massachusetts are based on different statistical methodology specified by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

NOTES: The preliminary June 2017 and the revised May 2017 unemployment rates, labor force data and jobs estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Thursday July 20, 2017; local unemployment statistics will be released on Tuesday, July 25, 2017. Detailed labor market information is available at www.mass.gov/lmi. See the [2017 Media Advisory](#) for complete list of release dates.

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